

CAPITAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Buildings Committee held virtually through Microsoft Teams.

Present

Members:

Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)	Deputy Tom Sleigh
Deputy Edward Lord (Deputy Chair)	Deputy James Thomson
Peter Bennett	Douglas Barrow
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Jeremy Mayhew
Alderman Alison Gowman	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Sheriff Christopher Hayward	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Ian Luder	David Brooks Wilson
Deputy Catherine McGuinness	Oliver Sells QC

Officers:

Ola Obadara	- Projects Director
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Alistair Sutherland	- Assistant Commissioner, City of London Police
Shani Annand-Baron	- Town Clerk's Department
Mark Lowman	- City Surveyor's Department
Julie Mayer	- Town Clerk's Department
Matthew Pitt	- City Surveyor's Department
Christopher Rumbles, Clerk	- Town Clerk's Department
Peter Lisle	- Assistant Town Clerk & Director of Major Projects
Tim Cutter	- City Surveyor's Department / Avison Young
Nicholas Richmond Smith	- Chamberlain's Department

In Attendance

Eric Parry	- Eric Parry Architects
Lee Higson	- Eric Parry Architects

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Committee noted David Brooks Wilson's standing declaration. Mr Ingham Clerk declared an interest as a Member of the Honourable Artillery Company.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 be approved.

4. **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS: ANNUAL REVIEW**

The Committee considered a report of the Town Clerk presenting Members with an opportunity to consider the Committee's terms of reference and to propose any changes to these in time for the annual re-appointment of Committees by Court of Common Council in April 2021.

The Chairman remarked on there being no changes proposed to the Terms of reference.

A Member, also Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee, confirmed he was speaking on behalf of the Chair of Policy who was otherwise engaged with the Lord Mayor. The Committee were asked to consider putting forward a recommendation to Policy and Resources Committee and on to Court of Common Council that an exceptional circumstance be made for this Committee in allowing the term of its Chairman to be extended by one additional year.

The Member added that this Committee was at a critical stage in overseeing the Combined Courts and City of London Police Accommodation Strategy projects and that the Chair of Policy was of the view that maintaining continuity of leadership on this Committee would be crucial over the next year as the City Corporation works through the Lisvane Review recommendations relating to Governance, which would ultimately establish where the City Corporation goes with all its committee structures.

The Member proposed a recommendation be put to Policy and Resources Committee and onto Court of Common Council that Standing Order 29 (2) be waived on this occasion and that the Chairman's term be extended by one additional year.

Members unanimously supported the recommendation and agreed it would be entirely appropriate given the review of Governance that was ongoing.

In response to questions from Members, it was clarified that the proposal was to waive the convention of standing order 29 (2) in allowing the Chairman to extend their term by one year into a fourth year. It was clarified that this change of term would be subject to the annual re-appointment process by Court of Common Council and the annual election of Chairman in the normal way.

Resolved, that

- the terms of reference of the Committee be approved for submission to Court of Common Council in April 2021 and,
- that a recommendation of this Committee be made to Policy and Resources Committee and Court of Common Council that the Chairman's term be extended by an additional year.

5. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There were no additional items of business.

7. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED, that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

8. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

RESOLVED – that the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

9. **NON-PUBLIC OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk updating on non-public outstanding actions.

10. **SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY FLEET STREET ESTATE)**

a) **Presentation - Eric Parry Architects**

A presentation from Eric Parry was heard as part of this item.

b) **RIBA Stage 3 Completion / Commencement of RIBA Stage 4 (Technical Design)**

Members considered a report of the City Surveyor updating on progress with the Salisbury Square Development.

11. **CITY OF LONDON POLICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY**

a) **Decant - CoLP Decant Logistics / Move Partner**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police relating to the City of London Police Accommodation decant logistics / move partner.

b) **City of London Police - Future Police Estate update**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police updating on the Future Police Estate.

c) **City of London Police Resource requirements - Future Police Estate**

Members considered a report of the Commissioner of the City of London Police relating to City of London Police resource requirements for the future police estate.

12. **MUSEUM OF LONDON RELOCATION PROGRAMME**

- a) **Museum of London Relocation Programme: Supplementary information in support of recommendations**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor offering supplementary information in support of a number of recommendations.
 - b) **Museum of London Relocation Programme: Update**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on the Museum of London Relocation Programme.
13. **BARKING REACH POWER STATION - SITE REMEDIATION PROJECT**
Members considered a report of the City Surveyor updating on progress with the Barking Reach Power Station Site Remediation project.
14. **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN**
Members received a report of the Town Clerk updating on non-public actions relating to the work of the Committee.
15. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**
There were no non-public questions.
16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**
There were no additional items of business.

The meeting closed at 12.28pm

Chairman

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